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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UN, PCAT
SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER RESTRAINT IN SSOD

REF: STATE 305298 (1977)

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED JANUARY 4 ON G. RIDDELL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DEFENSE AND ARMS CONTROL AFFAIRS, AND T. HAMMOND, DIRECTOR OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT DIVISION, TO CONVEY TALKING POINTS AND TO SOLICIT CANADIAN VIEWS ON ACHIEVING RESTRAINT IN CONVENTIONAL - ARMS TRANSFERS. IN RESPONSE, HAMMOND EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD BE INACCURATE TO DESCRIBE THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AS A "CANADIAN" DRAFT AS THE AUSTRALIANS AND THE BRITISH HAD ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN ITS PRODUCTION. BOTH HAMMOND AND RIDDEL INDICATED THAT THEY HAD NO DIS-AGREEMENT WITH OUR TALKING POINTS AND THAT THEIR OWN THINKING WAS STILL EVOLVING ON HOW BEST TO APPROACH THIS ISSUE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, HAMMOND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT, NOTWITH-
STANDING LACK OF PROGRESS ON JAPANESE RESOLUTION IN
FIRST COMMITTEE, EFFORT STILL SHOULD BE MADE IN SSOD
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TO TREAT CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER ISSUE MORE OR LESS
AS AN ISOLATED SUBJECT, AT LEAST INITIALLY. HE THOUGHT,
HOWEVER, THAT CONSUMER NATIONS WOULD INEVITABLY PUSH
FOR DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR ARMS ISSUE AND THAT ANY FINAL
ACT OR RESOLUTION EMERGING FROM SSOD WOULD HAVE TO BE A
"BALANCED" DOCUMENT COVERING MORE THAN JUST CONVENTIONAL
ARMS TRANSFER. HE NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT GOC WOULD

WANT TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ISSUE.

3. RIDDELL WONDERED WHETHER BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE RESTRAINT ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER WOULD BE TO APPROACH PROBLEM ON A REGIONAL BASIS THROUGH EITHER THE PRODUCER OR THE CONSUMER NATIONS, DEPENDING ON THE AREA. HAMMOND ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF SOME TYPE OF MECHANISM TO ENSURE CONFIDENTIAL

FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO WHAT WAS AGREED UPON IN SSOD. THESE AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, HAMMOND SAID, HE WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH ACDA OFFICIALS DURING HIS MEETING IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 10. ENDERS

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